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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: 1984 Research Program

REFERENCES: Your memoranda of 12 and 19 December

1. Thanks to the speedy and thoughtful comments we received from you and the DDCI, the 1984 Research Program is now in the publication process. It will emerge within a couple of weeks, if substantive demands and the printing load imposed by the Congressional budgets of the Community do not interfere unduly. Since you are unlikely to have time to examine it again in detail, following are the specific changes we have made in response to the suggestions from you and John.

- o On Iran, NESA has scheduled the formerly Exploratory project on opposition to clerical rule for the third quarter, and OGI has added a first quarter project on Shia communities worldwide--a paper that will provide basic information on groups potentially susceptible to Khomeini's baleful influence. The OGI paper on Iranian support for terrorism that is scheduled for the first quarter is almost completed.
- o On Libya, NESA has added a third quarter project on Libyan air and naval power in the Mediterranean.
- o On Algeria, NESA has a draft on domestic political dynamics in the printshop and has added an Exploratory project on Algerian relations with the West; this would complement the paper published in July on the US/Algerian relationship.
- o With regard to your comment on the OSWR program, the contract on future technologies has entered a new phase in which the contractor will identify some of the critical technologies that might be employed by states or terrorist groups in unconventional attacks. The contractor's report is due next Spring, at which time OSWR will decide which of the identified technologies warrant further research by the office.
- o On the Palestinians, OCR recently completed a major paper; Clare Rice will be meeting with DO/NE to try to develop additional information. OGI has added a paper

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on prospects for Palestinian terrorism that is scheduled for the third quarter. In addition, you will recall that NESA is currently drafting a SNIE on prospects for the Palestinians that will appear next month.

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- o On guerilla leaders in the Third World, NESA and OCR plan to publish a handbook on Afghan insurgent groups and their leadership, and OCR will also begin research on the Guatemalan resistance and South African guerilla leaders.
- o On the activities of the Soviets and various surrogates, OCR has expanded the tracking system developed for following selected Cubans to cover the activities of East Germans and Libyans; if this special data base reveals useful patterns, papers will be written on both countries. Clare Rice has talked to [ ] of IAD about possible help on the Soviets; IAD does not compile such information, but Clare will meet with SE Division later this week (not the first such meeting) to try to obtain the information that would be needed for effective tracking of Soviets. This whole area is one on which OCR has been working intensively but is handicapped both by the paucity of information and by restrictions on access to it.
- o On the Soviet military-industrial complex, two projects have been added. SOVA and OIA have begun work on a general survey of basic manufacturing facilities, which will be published by the end of January. And SOVA has added a third quarter paper on the Soviet weapons industry that will deal as broadly as we now can with issues such as the USSR's capacity to support their military and political objectives, the impact on other sectors of the economy, plant modernization, and new weapon programs. As you suggested, we will treat this initial overview as an interim report which then could be updated as additional basic studies are completed. We also plan to include a special annex detailing the information and analytic gaps that need to be filled if we are to address this topic in a thorough and sophisticated manner.
- o The description in the EURA program of our work on electoral trends has been adjusted to make it clear that the goal is to improve our projections, not merely to examine the past.

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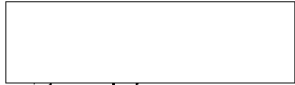
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- o OEA's planned paper on the management of financial problems in the Philippines has been advanced from the third to the second quarter.
- 2. In response to your two general questions:
  - o DIA produces a voluminous (3 inches) production plan; it lists all planned publications (serials as well as ad hoc research efforts) for three years. The latest issue will be published next week; we will have a copy if you would like to see it. *yes*
  - o All of the projects on the cross-cutting themes are also reflected in the individual Office programs.

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